

## Response

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REMARKS

The Examiner made two election of species requirements. The first election of species requirement requires Applicant to elect an embodiment of the medical device having: (1) irregularly shaped pores (Figs. 5a and 5d), (2) diamond shaped pores (Fig. 5b), or (3) square shaped pores (Fig. 5c). In response to the first election of species requirement, Applicant elects species 1, irregularly shaped pores.

The second election of species requirement requires Applicant to elect an embodiment of the medical device having: (A) a non-metallic frame or (B) a metallic frame. In response to the second election of species requirement, Applicant elects species B, a metallic frame.

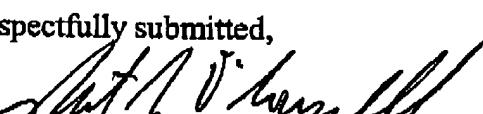
Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 13, 15, 17 to 23, and 27 to 31 read on the elected species (1, B) of irregularly shaped pores and a metallic frame.

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Respectfully submitted,

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